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Our colleagues at the Humboldt University, Berlin, have alerted us to the launching of a new digital reconstruction of the Roman Forum. Their release states:

“So famous is the Forum Romanum in Rome that it can prove difficult to get an archaeological handle on the site’s multileveled history and material forms. The new ‘Digital Forum Romanum’ project sets out to bring the site back to historical life: exploiting a series of three-dimensional digital reconstructions, and showcasing the Forum at different historical moments between 200 B.C. and A.D. 310, the website aims to visualize the site’s dynamic historical development; by bringing together images, videos and texts about the Forum’s chronology and building structures, the website also facilitates different perspectives into its history and research. (Texts will soon also be available in English and Italian translation).

The ‘Digital Forum Romanum’ is a combined research and teaching project at the Winckelmann-Institut of the Humboldt-Universitaet zu Berlin: it brings together academics and students who have been working since 2011 in cooperation with Berlin’s ‘TOPOI’ Exzellenzcluster and the Deutsches Archaeologisches Institut. The website publishes the first phase of the project’s results: it will be further developed over the ensuing months.

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Scholars of Roman law will be particularly interested in the meeting place of the senate, the *rostra*, the *tabularium* where records were kept and the *basilica* where the law courts sat.

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